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SUBJECT: NEW FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON INTERNAL AND
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: FORMIN OREJA TOLD PRESS REPS DURING HIS VIENNA

VISIT, JULY 11-12, THAT NEW GOVT WOULD CARRY OUT DEMOCRATIC REFORM AND CONTINUE FOREIGN POLICY OF HIS PREDECESSOR, INCLUDING IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

1. SPAIN'S NEW FORMIN, MARCELINO OREJA, VISITED VIENNA JULY 11-12, FOR A MEETING WITH GOS MISSION CHIEFS IN EAST EUROPE AND THE GOS AMBASSADOR IN VIENNA, LOPEZ RODO. THE VISIT, HE TOLD PRESS REPS, HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED BY HIS PREDECESSOR, AREILZA. OREJA ALSO HELD MEETINGS WITH AUSTRIAN LEADERS-- KIRSHSCHLAEGER, KREISKY, BENYA, AND BIELKA WHO OFFERED A LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY CARDINAL KOENIG--AND A PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORTS OF HIS REMARKS TO THE PRESS, OREJA SAID THAT NEW GOVT WOULD CARRY OUT THE DEMOCRATIC REFORM AND DENIED THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY SLIPPAGE. ASKED ABOUT A POLITICAL AMNESTY, OREJA REPLIED THAT WHATEVER IS DONE ABOUT THIS ISSUE WOULD BE CONTAINED IN THE GOVT'S POLICY STATEMENT. OREJA DESCRIBED THE KING "AS THE MOTOR OF CHANGE AND PREMIER ADOLFO SUAREZ AS ITS EXECUTOR." IN A STATEMENT FOR SPANISH TV OREJA SAID THAT ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD IN APRIL OR MAY, 1977.

3. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OREJA TOLD PRESS REPS THAT THE NEW GOVT WOULD MAINTAIN THE POLICIES OF HIS PREDECESSOR. THE GOS, HE SAID, PLANNED TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH EAST EUROPE.

4. COMMENT: OREJA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MFA DIRGEN FOR EUROPE, AGUIRRE DE CARCER, WHO TOLD EMBOFF JULY 1 THAT GOS HAD BEEN UNWISE IN TRYING TO FORCE PACE OF IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH EAST EUROPE PRIOR TO THE MEETING OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES IN BERLIN. THIS WAS HIS EXPLANATION OF WHY HE HAD FAILED TO GET ROMANIA TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. OTHER EXPLANATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN GIVEN. HOWEVER, WITH THE COMMUNIST SUMMIT BEHIND, THE GOS UNDOUBTEDLY WANTS TO SEE WHAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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